In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1-10. Cancelled.
- [[15]] 11. (Currently Amended) A control panel for an automotive vehicle, comprising:

 a frame structure that is force-absorbing and constructed from linear elements, areas of
 the frame structure which are delimited by the linear elements being sealed at least partially by
 plastic sheet elements, the areas being covered with a decorative layer, the sheet elements being
 connected to the linear elements by an integral material connection, the sheet elements being
 composed of a thermoplastic plastic material, the linear elements being composed of a fibre
 material and being impregnated with the same thermoplastic plastics material as the sheet
 elements the frame structure being directly connected to at least one of an end wall and a body of
 the vehicle, the frame structure being constructed such that a cross-member arranged between Acolumns of the vehicle is dispensable.
- [[16]] <u>12</u>. (Cancelled)
- [[17]] 13. (Currently Amended) The control panel according to claim [[15]] 11, wherein the linear elements, when installed in the control panel, have one of the following a cross-section[[s:]] selected from one of a U-shaped cross-section, a round cross-section, an oval cross-section and a polygonal cross-section.
- [[18]] 14. (Currently Amended) The control panel according to claim [[15]] 11, wherein each of the linear elements is a strip of a honeycomb sandwich structure.
- [[19]] 15. (Currently Amended) The control panel according to claim [[15]] 11, wherein the control panel is covered with a decorative layer covers substantially over an entire surface of an upper side of the control panel.

[[20]] 16. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing of a part control panel for an automotive vehicle, comprising:

inserting linear elements into a mold cavity of a mold, the mold having a first half and a second half, the first half having a depression and the second half having a bulge corresponding to the depression;

at least partially surrounding the linear elements by a plastics material in the mold to form the part;

inserting strips of a fibre material into the depression;

bringing the second half into alignment with the first half so that at least in regions a gap remains between the first and second halves; and

injecting the plastics material into the cavity

providing a frame structure constructed from linear elements, areas of the frame structure being delimited by linear elements being sealed at least partially by plastic sheet elements; and covering the areas with a decorative layer,

wherein the frame structure is constructed such that a cross-member arranged between the A-columns of the vehicle is dispensable and the frame structure is directly connected to at least one of an end wall and a body of the vehicle.

- [[21]] <u>17</u>. (Cancelled)
- [[22]] <u>18</u>. (Cancelled)
- [[23]] <u>19</u>. (Cancelled)
- [[24]] 20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[20]] 16, wherein the linear elements are a prefabricated self-supporting frame.
- [[25]] 21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[20]] 16, wherein the linear

elements are individual pieces.

[[26]] 22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[20]] 16, wherein the linear elements are one of bundles of continuous fibres and strips of mat material, the mat material being embodied as a fabric, the fabric being one of a single-layer fabric and a multilayer fabric, the fabric being one of a non-woven fabric and a woven fabric.

[[27]] <u>23</u>. (Cancelled)

[[28]] 24. (Currently Amended) An automotive vehicle, comprising:

a control panel including a frame structure constructed from linear elements, areas of the frame structure which are delimited by the linear elements being sealed at least partially by sheet elements, the areas being covered with a decorative layer, the sheet elements being connected to the linear elements by an integral material connection, the sheet elements being composed of a thermoplastic plastic material, the linear elements being composed of a fibre material and being impregnated with the plastics material,

wherein the frame structure is directly connected of at least one of an end wall of the vehicle and a body of the vehicle and the frame structure being constructed such that a cross-member arranged between the A-columns of the vehicle is dispensable.